districts of Madhya Pradesh was less than five and the female literacy of the 88 blocks of 18 districts in the State was also less than five; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh Government to tackle the problem of illiteracy among ST, especially among girls, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Govt. has been giving cent percent funds under Rural Functional Literacy Projects for education of adults which envisage special coverage of Scheduled Tribes under these projects. Assistance is also being given to voluntary organisations for taking up adult education programme for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in low literacy areas. Separate funds are being given by Govt of India for construction of girls hostels and for post matric scholarship for Scheduled Tribes. The State Government is also utilising Special Central Assistance given by Government of India for Tribal Sub-Plan for construction of Ashram Schools, pre-matric/post matric hostels, etc. A new scheme for 'Incentives to Scheduled Tribe girls education' has been introduced with funding from Special Central Assistance.

Plans for basic amenities in big cities

*418. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the constant increase in population the four metropolitan cities and other big cities in India are being faced with tremendous problems of housing, transport, water supply and other civic amenities;

(b) if so, whether the matter is being studied in depth to draw up plans to meet the situation; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the plans being drawn up and implemented in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The Government is aware of the pressure on the metropolitan and other big cities in India in relation to housing, transport, water supply and other civic amenities.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Government have set up "The National Commission on Urbanisation" to, *inter alia* examine the state of urbanisation in the country in all aspects and evolve and recommend policy frames and suggest basic approaches for the encouragement of manageable urbanisation.

Media coverage of CPI rally held in New Delhi

*419. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item under the caption "Media Coverage Deplored" appearing in the Statesman, Calcutta edition of October 1, 1987 to the effect that the CPI Party rally in New Delhi on the 29th September, 1987 was not covered by the All India Radio and Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not a fact that the CPI rally in New Delhi on 29th September, 1987 was not covered by All India Radio and Doordarshan. The details of coverage are given in a statement laid on the Table of the House, which